or more by M/s Reliance Industries Limited has been detected so far.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Upgradation of Pay Scales of Indian Accounts and Audit Department**

3439. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have agreed in principle to upgrade 80 percent of the posts of Account and Audit Officers to Accounts officers of the I.A. and A.D. in the pay scale of Rs. 2200-4000 to the scale of Rs. 3000-4000;

(b) if so, whether the decision has been implemented by Government;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor, and

(d) by when the decision is likely to be implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**Appointment of Directors on the Board of State Bank of Hyderabad**

3440. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding appointment of Directors on the Board of State Bank of Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if reply to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons for the delay in taking a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) In respect of the Boards of Subsidiary Banks of State Bank of India including the State Bank of Hyderabad, Govenment is the appointing authority only in respect of workman employee director, officer employee director and Central Government official nominee. The non official directors are appointed by State Bank of India in consultation with the Government.

At present, the Central Government official nominee is in position in State Bank of Hyderabad. The workman employee director who was appointed in 1988 has completed his tenure and is continuing pending appointment of his successor as per the provisions of the statu. The position of officer employee director is vacant. Government have already initiated necessary action for filling up of these vacancies.

Government have not received any proposal from State Bank of India regarding appointment of non official directors on the Board of State Bank of Hyderabad.

**Silver Being Smuggled into the Country**

3441. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any estimate of the quantity of silver being smuggled into the country every year; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to curb this smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to estimate the quantity of silver being smuggled into the country, every year. The Customs authorities are alert against smuggling including that of silver. The field formations have been equipped with vehicles, vessels, firearms etc. Close co-ordination is being maintained between all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling. The anti-smuggling efforts have resulted in substantial seizures of silver over the past few years as given below:—

| Year | Quantity (In Metric Tonne) | Value (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1987 | 16.99 | 906 |
| 1988 | 16.99 | 1056 |
| 1989 | 99.32 | 6757 |